

REMARKS

The disclosure was objected to as containing an equation with an arrow that is apparently not acceptable to the Patent Office. The applicant has complied with the Examiner's objection by amending the specification to replace the arrow with a more acceptable arrow. No change in scope is intended thereby.

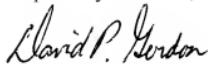
Claims 1-64 are pending. Claims 1-3 and 13 have been rejected as being anticipated by Isaksen et al., and claims 41 and 42 have been rejected as being obvious over Peeters et al. in view of Djokovich et al. While the applicants respectfully submit that neither of the rejections is proper, because the cited art does not teach or suggest what is claimed in the rejected claims, in order to expedite allowance of the case, the applicants are complying with the Examiner's rejection. Thus, claims which have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims have now been amended to include all of those limitations, thereby placing this case in condition for allowance. This amendment is being made without prejudice to filing a continuation application to pursue the claims which have been canceled.

With this amendment, the total number of claims pending has been reduced. However, eight claims have been rewritten as independent claims, thereby bringing the number of independent claims in the application to eleven (11). Therefore, please charge

an additional small entity fee of \$800 to cover the addition of the eight independent claims and any additional fees required by this amendment to Deposit Account 07-1732.

It is submitted that the application is now in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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